

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
TOWN SELECT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of December 10, 2019

- I. ROLL CALL.** Select Board Chair K. David Maxwell, Board members Lynn Doney, Julie H. Goodrich, Kenneth W. Goslant, and Nathaniel Miller. Also present were Town Manager Jeff Schulz, Finance Director Laurie Baroffio, John Stevens (Brown Public Library Board of Trustees), Sally Davidson (Recreation Committee), Carolyn Stevens (Northfield Community Development Network), Jean Kerner (Northfield Community Development Network), Ted Fisher (Northfield Energy Committee), Bethany Drum, Scott Neun, Dan Sivori, Steve Davis, Kelli Cheney, Heather Devine, and Elroy Hill.

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE.** The Board members and the public were asked to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

IV. BUDGET WORK SESSION

a. Brown Public Library

John Stevens, Library Trustee, presented the library budget stating that the overall budget includes an increase from \$136,855 to \$142,405 and the amount the library is requesting from the Town for FY 20/21 is increasing from \$106,500 to \$108,500 (1.5%). John added that the increase is due primarily to wages and benefits and the Library Trustees mirrored the wage increases to that for Town employees. He noted that the increase was partially offset by reductions in postage and materials.

The Board asked about the library building improvements and John responded that for the most part the building is in good condition with the completion of the new roof on the community room section and the roof structure repair in the older section. John noted that the main steps will need some repairs.

b. Recreation

Sally Davidson, Recreation Committee Chair, presented the Recreation Committee Budget and discussed recreation related items in the Park and Grounds Budget and the Recreation CIP. Sally stated that there was no request for additional funds in the Recreation Operations and Maintenance budget above the \$650 budget from last year. Sally discussed the holiday enhancements in the Rec. CIP, and after discussions with the Board, it was agreed that the total amount for holiday enhancements be increased to \$1,800. Next, Sally discussed additional improvements to the new pavilion to include enclosing the upper portion of the structure for storage and adding electricity and lights. The Board agreed to include \$2,000 in the CIP for these improvements. Lastly, the Board discussed funding for replacement of the roofs on the four dugouts at Memorial Park. Sally noted that the plan is for the Town to fund the replacement of two roofs and the school to replace the other two dugout roofs. \$5,000 was added to the CIP for the two dugout roofs in FY 20/21.

- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled).** There was none.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Board member Julie Goodrich, seconded by Board member Lynn Doney, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Schulz

Jeff Schulz, Acting Clerk

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office.

These minutes were approved at the regular Select Board meeting of January 14, 2020